

# The Commonwealth Grows

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## ***118 Counties Across the Commonwealth Participate in Kentucky Agricultural Relief Effort Program (K.A.R.E.)***

**G**overnor Steve Beshear acknowledged the overwhelming participation in the Kentucky Agricultural Relief Effort (K.A.R.E.) by county organizations on behalf of Kentucky farm families.

The governor unveiled the \$8.15 million K.A.R.E. initiative in March that is helping farmers whose crops were damaged by last spring's late freeze and the extensive drought that occurred throughout the summer and fall.

"Not only did 118 out of 120 counties eligible take part in the K.A.R.E. program, but several counties committed additional County Agricultural Development Funds towards this initiative for a total of over \$9 million," said Gov. Beshear. "The cost-share assistance made available through the K.A.R.E. program is allowing our farmers to make needed improvements to help lessen the impact of future weather related disasters."

The K.A.R.E. program is utilizing the infrastructure already created through the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board's existing programs to help farmers make improvements and investments related to water availability and forage improvement.

K.A.R.E. Program information is posted on the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy's website at <http://agpolicy.ky.gov/drought/drought.shtml>.

To date, Kentucky has invested more than \$265 million to an array of county, regional and state projects designed to increase net farm income and create sustainable new farm-based business enterprises. Over 3,000 diversification projects have been funded through Agricultural Development Fund since 2001.



*Gov. Beshear inspects wheat on Mahan Farms.*

## A Note From GOAP Executive Director



**G**overnor Beshear recently embarked upon a thirteen town listening session tour across the state, from Pikeville to Paducah. He and the First Lady were eager to hear Kentuckians' concerns and talk directly to citizens about their vision for the Commonwealth. Representatives from each Cabinet, including the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy (GOAP), were on-hand to address specific issues, gather input/ideas and talk one-on-one with guests.

Governor Beshear identified agriculture as part of the foundation for Kentucky's economy.

Governor Beshear expressed his commitment to agriculture and stressed the importance of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund during the question and answer portion of the event. He expressed the need for agriculture to continue as a part of this foundation that is so imperative to the rural and agricultural economy of our state.

To build on this foundation, we need to seek out new ideas, initiatives and suggestions to make agriculture a larger part of Kentucky's economy. Not only are we playing a role in the Governor's listening sessions, but we also gather comments and suggestions throughout the year while attending various field days, organizational meetings, and tradeshow. In November, GOAP staff compiles all suggested changes and presents them to the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board for consideration. (Send any suggestions by e-mail to [govkyagpolicy@ky.gov](mailto:govkyagpolicy@ky.gov).)

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board continues to pursue its initiatives set forth in *Kentucky's Long Term Plan for Agriculture*. Governor Beshear feels strongly about the research and development initiative in this plan, even mentioning at one of the listening sessions how Kentucky is a "well kept secret" in the life science and biotechnology industry.

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board and the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation Board gathered for a joint meeting in July to discuss planning initiatives, taking in consideration the *2007 to 2012 Strategic Plan for Agriculture* that was presented to Governor Beshear earlier this year. Some of the initiatives included in the discussions were: Education and Leadership Development, including communication initiatives; Research and Development, including energy initiatives; Traditional/Non-traditional Production; Capital Access, including funding options and other initiatives; Marketing and Value-added Processing, including food safety; and other special initiatives the Board might be willing to consider in the future.

Along with Governor Beshear, we request your input and suggestions since you represent Kentucky's agricultural community. We continue building a more solid foundation for our agricultural and rural economies. With your input and leadership we can accomplish this and secure agriculture's place in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Roger Thomas".

Roger Thomas  
Executive Director

## First Lady Jane Beshear Hosts Farmers' Market at Capitol

### *Governor Beshear Signs House Bill 626*

**K**entucky First Lady Jane Beshear hosted a farmers market on the Capitol grounds to support locally owned farms, the Commonwealth's rural economy and the Kentucky Proud brand. The Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy and the



Kentucky Department of Agriculture joined Mrs. Beshear in promoting the event.

"Increasing gas prices and depleting natural resources are having a negative impact on farmers," said Mrs. Beshear. "Most produce travels an average of 1,500 miles from farm to plate. By buying fruits and vegetables grown in Kentucky, we not only support the farms that grow them but we also support our regional economy."

Twenty-two vendors from Franklin County and surrounding areas took part in the farmers' market and offered a variety of vegetables, fruits, meats, baked goods, flowers, honey, and many other specialty Kentucky products. Area markets now produce approximately \$7.5 million in revenue for more than 2,000 farmers across the state.

During the farmers market, Governor Beshear held a ceremonial signing of House Bill 626 with Commissioner of Agriculture, Richie Farmer. House Bill 626

establishes the Kentucky Proud brand as the permanent marketing program for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

Also in attendance were primary bill sponsor Rep. Mike Denham (D-Maysville) and co-sponsors Rep. Tom McKee (D-Cynthiana) and Rep. Ruth Ann Palumbo (D-Lexington). Other legislators instrumental in the passage of this legislation were Rep. Charlie Hoffman (D-Georgetown) and Sen. Joey Pendleton (D-Hopkinsville.)



"House Bill 626 will ensure that Kentucky producers, consumers, and the rural economy will benefit from the Kentucky Proud Program well into the future," said Gov. Beshear. "It will give our citizens the assurance that purchasing food with the Kentucky Proud label means it's a fresh, locally grown product."

"This bill will bring significant opportunities to Kentucky farmers and allow the Department of Agriculture to



market the Kentucky Proud brand with the expectation that its products will become widely accepted and nationally recognized," said Rep. Mike Denham.



## Kentucky Agricultural Development Board Updates



### ***Board Members Visit Broadbent B & B Foods During Two-Day Planning Session***

**D**uring a two-day planning session the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board and the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation were able to tour Broadbent B & B Foods located in Kuttawa, KY. Earlier in July, the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, Chaired by Governor Steve Beshear, presented a ceremonial check to Broadbent B & B Foods in the amount of \$412,500 during their grand opening celebration.

These funds were used to build a new value-added pork processing facility and upgrade equipment to meet the needs of future growth. The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$400,000 in state funds, \$7,500 in Trigg County Funds, and \$5,000 in Lyon

County funds for this project.

"I am committed to creating opportunities that make Kentucky's agricultural communities stronger and help our rural economy thrive," said Governor Steve Beshear. "Projects such as Broadbent B & B Foods, funded by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, play an integral role in achieving a new value-added opportunity for Lyon County."



Stephen Yates and Bruce Harper, KDA; Roger Thomas and the Drennans

The Drennan's purchased B & B Foods in 1999 and have won nine Country Ham Grand Champion Awards and two National Association Specialty Food Trade (NAFST) Fancy Food Awards. They currently cure, age, and smoke country hams, bacon and sausage.

### ***Kentucky Agriculture Heritage Center Receives Check for \$11,000,000***

**G**overnor Steve Beshear presented the Kentucky Agriculture Heritage Center with a check for \$11,000,000 in Kentucky Agricultural Development Funds for the architectural design development, marketing, promotion, and construction of the facility.

"The Kentucky Agriculture Heritage Center will benefit all Kentuckians by educating rural and urban consumers on the importance of our rich agriculture history and our growing economy," said Gov. Beshear. "This will insure Kentucky's farming and rural heritage is not lost by the changing landscape of our agricultural industries."



The Kentucky Agriculture Heritage Center is a broad based, grassroots project whose purpose is to preserve and promote Kentucky's agricultural heritage. It will be located on 50 acres of prime Kentucky farmland at Anderson Circle Farm in Mercer County. The Center will showcase technology; provide work spaces and resources for agricultural organizations and interest groups.

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, chaired by Governor Beshear, approved the Kentucky Agriculture Heritage Center for \$1,000,000 in state funds for the market development study as well as the architectural design, development, marketing, and promotion of the Center. The Kentucky Agriculture Heritage Center received a \$10 million line item appropriation in the 2009-2010 Executive Branch Budget. This appropriation is in the form of a bond that will be paid off over the next 20 years and the first year debt service will be paid with proceeds from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund.

## Model Program Corner

### Deadline Reminder

Are you planning to submit an application or amendment to the Agricultural Development Board? If so, please read the below deadlines.

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#### **Model Program Applications**

The first Friday of each month is the deadline for model program applications. If your model program is received in our office by the first Friday of the month then it will be presented to the Board at that month's meeting.

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#### **Non-Model Applications**

The first Friday of each month is the deadline for all non-model project applications. If your application is received in our office by the first Friday of the month it will be referred at the Board meeting that month for consideration at the meeting the following month.

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#### **Model and Non-model Amendments**

The first Friday of each month is the deadline for all model and non-model project amendments. If your amendment is received in our office by the first Friday of the month then it will be presented to the Board at that month's meeting.

### **Regional Administrator Workshops Come to a Close**

*By Kylee Smith, Senior Compliance Coordinator*

**T**he 2008 Regional Administrator Workshops hosted by the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy (GOAP) have come to a close.

GOAP hosted eight Regional Administrator Workshops across the Commonwealth throughout May and June. Over 150 administrators, County Extension Agents, County Agricultural Development Council Members, and State Representatives attended these workshops.



Jennifer Mobbs, Compliance Specialist, answers participants' questions.

As discussed during the workshops, the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) is devoted to investing funds into programs/projects that follow the board's investment philosophy. GOAP is actively accepting suggestions and improvements for discussion at our Kentucky Agricultural Development Board's annual planning session that will be held in November. A comment/suggestion form is available on our website for additional input on Model Programs.

Thank you again for all those who were able to attend a workshop, we hope you found it extremely beneficial and informative. A copy of the Regional Administrator Workshop PowerPoint presentation is also available on our website at <http://agpolicy.ky.gov/>.

### **Model Programs (2001-2008)**

#### **Agricultural Diversification**

Est. September 2001  
\$12,747,167 / 99 Counties

#### **Cattle Genetics**

Est. February 2001  
\$13,901,454 / 104 Counties

#### **Cattle Handling**

Est. June 2001  
\$21,373,536 / 102 Counties

#### **Commercial Poultry**

Est. December 2006  
\$73,124 / 5 Counties

#### **Dairy Diversification**

Est. January 2005  
\$1,748,744 / 30 Counties

#### **Fencing Improvement**

Est. March 2003  
\$11,519,594 / 68 Counties

#### **Forage Improvement**

Est. March 2001  
\$25,938,381 / 104 Counties

#### **Goat & Sheep**

Est. August 2001  
\$3,807,941 / 91 Counties

#### **Hay, Straw & Commodity**

Est. November 2002  
\$23,387,202 / 101 Counties

#### **On-Farm Water**

Est. March 2003  
\$1,747,027 / 23 Counties

#### **Pilot Farm Management**

Est. January 2007  
\$10,130 / 4 Counties

#### **Shared-Use**

Est. January 2005  
\$1,231,620 / 53 Counties

#### **Swine**

Est. January 2005  
\$118,481 / 8 Counties

#### **Technology Program**

Est. January 2005  
\$1,586,353 / 36 Counties

#### **Timber**

Est. January 2005  
\$202,735 / 8 Counties

#### **Menu Programs**

Est. May 2005  
\$16,769,344 / 55 Counties

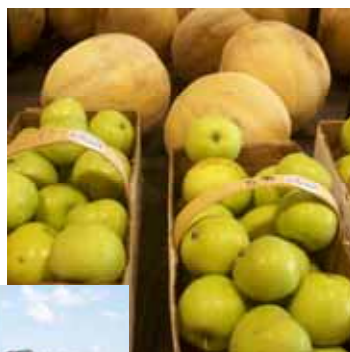
## Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation Updates



### *Trunnell's Farm Market Presented with \$100,000 Check*

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, Chaired by Governor Steve Beshear, and the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation, Chaired by Commissioner of Agriculture, Richie Farmer presented a ceremonial check to Trunnell's Farm Market in the amount of \$100,000 during their ribbon cutting celebration in Utica, Ky.

Trunnell's Farm Market utilized the combined investment made by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board and Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation to construct a retail market facility and purchase kitchen and cold storage equipment. The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$62,240 as a forgivable loan, \$11,000 in Daviess County funds, \$1,313 in McLean County funds and a \$25,447 loan by the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation.



"This is a perfect example of how we can create opportunities for our farmers by providing them an outlet for their

Kentucky Proud products," said Governor Steve Beshear. "I am committed to making Kentucky's agricultural community thrive and with the strong collaboration

between the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board and Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation we can make this happen."

ment the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation

The Trunnell's Farm Market was started originally out of the back of a pick-up truck as a way to diversify the Trunnell's row crop operation. Today, the operation has grown into a year round business selling flowers, produce, fall decorations, and Christmas holiday baskets. The retail operation offers an array of Kentucky Proud Products that have been grown or produced by Kentucky farmers.



### *KAFC Approves \$1,124,805 at July Board Meeting*

The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC), chaired by Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer, approved **\$1,124,805** in agricultural loans for projects across the Commonwealth during their Board Meeting on Friday, July 18 in Gilbertsville, Ky. At the July meeting applicants from the following counties were approved for either the Agricultural Infrastructure Loan Program or the Beginning Farmer Loan Program:

Casey County	Daviess County	LaRue County	Nelson County
Clinton County	Hardin County	Marion County	Ohio County (2)
Christian County	Henry County	Muhlenberg County	Washington County (2)



## What's New at GOAP?

### ***Harp Ships First Official Load of Goat's Milk in Kentucky***

**O**n July 7, the Commonwealth's first official load of goat's milk was transported from Harp's dairy to Miller's cheese plant for pasteurization and processing. Todd Harp, a Bourbon County dairy goat producer, received certification for a manufacturing grade goat dairy in May of this year. Miller's Bleugrass Chevre in Clark County was designated the state's first certified goat dairy and cheese manufacturing facility in the summer of 2007.

"This has been a dream for over five years, and now it's a reality," notes Harp. "Kentucky has established itself as a leader in the meat goat industry and now doors are opening for the dairy goat industry, as well."

Susan Miller agrees, "It was a huge learning curve, and talking to other cheese makers around the country, it has taken many of them at least five years to actually get into business. So we were never really off schedule at all."

Now that the way has been paved, Lewis Ramsey of the Milk Safety Branch thinks the goat's milk will start flowing like, well, goat's milk. "This is a product with potentially high profitability. Until now, it was simply going to



Susan Miller, Todd Harp w/ his goat Venus, and Frank Jackson

waste in many cases. We hope that the efforts of our branch and other segments of the small ruminant dairy industry will help Kentucky become a top sheep and goat milk producing state."

The output from Kentucky's small ruminant dairies is expected to be used in value-added products like cheese, yogurt and ice cream.

### ***New Members Appointed to Kentucky Agricultural Development Board***

**G**overnor Beshear recently appointed five members to the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board. Three members were appointed in June: Troy Rankin, of Georgetown, is the owner and manager of Tollgate Farm; Jim Sidebottom, of Greensburg, is the owner and manager of Sidebottom Farm, a Holstein dairy operation; and Sam Lawson, of Bowling Green, is the president and chief executive officer of Hartland Equipment Corporation. These Board members replaced Richard Warner, Donna Amburgey and H.H. Barlow all of whom resigned.

In July Governor Beshear appointed Pat Henderson, of Irvington, an active farmer. The appointment replaces John Cleaver Jr., whose term has expired. Jim Mahan, of Lexington, is the owner of Mahan Farms was also reappointed.



Jim Sidebottom, Troy Rankin, Sam Lawson

## 2008 Kentucky State Fair GOAP Exhibitor Schedule



The Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy is presenting a Project Showcase at the 2008 Kentucky State Fair. All projects in the showcase have been directly involved with the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund and represent just a few of the over 3,000 projects that have been funded. Projects will be showcased between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. daily during the fair. For more information on the State Fair visit <http://www.kystatefair.org/>.

### Thursday, August 14

Chaney's Dairy Barn

J.D. Country Milk

### Friday, August 15

Kentucky Dairy  
Development Council

Green River Cattle Company

### Saturday, August 16

Specialty Foods Group

Grasshopper's Distribution

### Sunday, August 17

Kentucky Agriculture  
Heritage Center

### Monday, August 18

Campbell Farm Wool Art

### Tuesday, August 19

Little Kentucky Smokehouse

### Wednesday, August 20

Kentucky Sheep and Wool Producers

### Thursday, August 21

Broadbent B&B Foods

### Friday, August 22

Elk Creek Vineyards  
Fire on the Ridge Farm

### Saturday, August 23

Agri-tourism Council

### Sunday, August 24

Chrisman Mill Vineyards



In the past three months \$4,018,745 in Agricultural Development Funds were invested in projects to help with Kentucky's agricultural diversification effort.

The following are projects, receiving Agricultural Development Funds in 2008 for May, June and July. These projects are among over 3,000 that have been approved since the program's inception (2001).

## MAY

### **Breckinridge County Board of Education**

The Breckinridge County Board of Education was approved for \$7,480 in Breckinridge County funds to administer an educational welding program for tobacco-dependent farmers.

### **Central Kentucky Agritourism Association, Inc.**

The Central Kentucky Agritourism Association, Inc. was approved for \$12,500 in State funds as part of the 2008 Agri-tourism Awards Program.

### **City of Lebanon**

The City of Lebanon was approved for \$25,000 in Marion County funds and \$25,000 in State funds as a part of the 2008 Farmers' Market Awards Program.

### **Fayette County Public Schools**

Fayette County Public Schools was approved for \$50,000 in Fayette County funds to assist with the construction of an Equine Science Facility.

### **London-Laurel County Farmers Market Association, Inc.**

The London-Laurel County Farmers Market Association, Inc. was approved for \$1,000 in Laurel County funds and \$16,500 in State funds as part of the 2008 Farmers' Market Awards Program.

# Agricultural Development Fund Investments

### **Medley Farms, LLC**

Medley Farms, LLC was approved for \$5,000 in Washington County funds to implement a Swine Diversification practice on the farm.

### **Rebekah Grace Food and Supplements for Life, LLC**

Rebekah Grace Food and Supplements for Life, LLC was approved for \$375,000 in State funds to support the continued development of a local brand of natural and organic foods produced by diversified farmers in Kentucky in addition to warehousing, distribution and retail selling.

### **Menu Approach Programs**

#### **Anderson County Farm Bureau**

The Anderson County Farm Bureau, Inc. was approved for \$137,614 in Anderson County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with thirteen model programs including: Agricultural Diversification; Cattle Genetics Improvement; Cattle Handling Facilities; Commercial Poultry Diversification; Dairy Diversification; Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement; Forage Improvement & Utilization; Goat & Sheep Diversification; Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage; On-Farm Water Enhancement; Swine Diversification; Technology; and Timber Production, Utilization & Marketing.

#### **Buffalo Trace Area Development District**

Buffalo Trace Area Development District was approved for \$275,922 in Mason County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with eight model programs including:

Agricultural Diversification; Cattle Genetics Improvement; Cattle Handling Facilities; Dairy Diversification; Farm

Livestock Fencing Improvement; Forage Improvement & Utilization; Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage; and On-Farm Water Enhancement.

### **Gallatin County Agricultural Diversification Association**

Gallatin County Agricultural Diversification Association, Incorporated was approved for \$30,000 in Gallatin County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with four model programs including: Agricultural Diversification; Goat & Sheep Diversification; Technology; and Timber Production, Utilization & Marketing.

### **Gallatin County Livestock Association Incorporated**

The Gallatin County Livestock Association Incorporated was approved for \$73,000 in Gallatin County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with six model programs including: Cattle Genetics Improvement; Cattle Handling Facilities; Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement; Forage Improvement & Utilization; Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage; and Technology.

### **\$171,942 Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc.**

The Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc. was approved for \$171,942 in Daviess County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with thirteen model programs including: Agricultural Diversification; Cattle Genetics Improvement; Cattle Handling Facilities; Commercial Poultry Diversification; Dairy Diversification; Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement; Forage Improvement & Utilization; Goat & Sheep Diversification; Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage; On-Farm Water Enhancement; Swine Diversification; Technology; and Timber Production, Utilization & Marketing.

### **Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc.**

The Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc. was approved for \$52,527 in McLean County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with six model programs including: Cattle Genetics Improvement; Cattle Handling Facilities; Commercial Poultry Diversification; Forage Improvement & Utilization; Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage; and On-Farm Water Enhancement.

### **Green River Area Development District**

The Green River Area Development District was approved for \$13,923 in Webster County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with two model programs including Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage and Technology.

### **Hancock County Conservation District**

The Hancock County Conservation District was approved for \$82,550 in Hancock County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program for eight model programs including: Cattle Handling Facilities; Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement; Forage Improvement & Utilization; Goat & Sheep Diversification; Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage; On-Farm Water Enhancement; Technology; and Timber Production, Utilization & Marketing.

### **Henry County Cattlemen's Association**

The Henry County Cattlemen's Association was approved for \$292,530 in Henry County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program for ten model programs including: Agricultural Diversification; Cattle Genetics Improvement; Cattle Handling Facilities; Dairy Diversification; Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement; Forage Improvement & Utilization; Goat & Sheep Diversification; Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage; Technology; and Timber Production, Utilization & Marketing.

### **Marion County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.**

The Marion County Cattlemen's Association, Inc. was approved for \$150,000 in Marion County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with five model programs including: Cattle Genetics Improvement; Cattle Handling Facilities; Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement; Forage Improvement & Utilization; and Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage.

### **Morgan County Fiscal Court**

The Morgan County Fiscal Court was approved for \$190,198 in Morgan County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program for three model programs including: Agricultural Diversification; Cattle Handling Facilities; and Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage.

### **Oldham County Farm Bureau**

Oldham County Farm Bureau was approved for \$46,256 in Oldham County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with ten model programs including: Agricultural Diversification; Cattle Genetics Improvement; Cattle Handling Facilities; Dairy Diversification; Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement; Forage Improvement & Utilization; Goat & Sheep Diversification; Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage; Technology; and Timber Production, Utilization & Marketing.

### **Shelby County Farm Bureau, Inc.**

The Shelby County Farm Bureau, Inc. was approved for \$300,000 in Shelby County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with four model programs including: Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement; Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage; On-Farm Water Enhancement; and Technology.

### **Trigg County Conservation District**

The Trigg County Conservation District was approved for \$100,000 in Trigg County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with six model programs including: Cattle Handling Facilities; Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement; Forage Improvement & Utilization; Goat & Sheep Diversification; Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage; and On-Farm Water Enhancement.

### **Trimble County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.**

The Trimble County Cattlemen's Association, Inc. was approved for \$182,265 in Trimble County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with ten model programs including: Agricultural Diversification; Cattle Genetics Improvement; Cattle Handling Facilities; Dairy Diversification; Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement; Forage Improvement & Utilization; Goat & Sheep Diversification; Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage; Technology; and Timber Production, Utilization & Marketing.

## **June**

### **Kentucky Agricultural Council Incorporated**

The Kentucky Agricultural Council Incorporated was approved for \$200,000 of State funds to assist in the coordination, implementation, and continued development of the Strategic Plan for Agriculture.

### **Meade County Riverport Authority**

The Meade County Riverport Authority was approved for \$20,000 of Meade County funds for the final engineering and construction drawings of the Meade County Riverport that will give producers a closer market for their agricultural products.

### **Taylor County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.**

The Taylor County Cattlemen's Association, Inc. was approved for \$13,000 of Taylor County funds to administer a Youth Heifer Chain.

## **Menu Approach Programs**

### **Barren River Area Development District, Inc.**

The Barren River Area Development District, Inc. was approved for \$149,000 of Barren County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with three model programs including: Dairy Diversification, Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement, and Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage.

### **Garrard County Farm Bureau, Inc.**

The Garrard County Farm Bureau, Inc. was approved for \$220,000 of Garrard County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with eleven model programs including: Agricultural Diversification; Cattle Handling Facilities; Commercial Poultry; Dairy Diversification; Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement; Forage Improvement & Utilization; Goat & Sheep Diversification; Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage; Swine Diversification; Technology; and Timber Production, Utilization & Marketing.

## **JULY**

### **Breckinridge County Board of Education**

The Breckinridge County Board of Education was approved for \$5,225 in Meade County funds to administer an educational welding program for tobacco dependent farmers.

### **Hardin County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.**

The Hardin County Cattlemen's Association, Inc. was approved for \$8,873 in Hardin County funds to administer an educational welding program for tobacco dependent farmers.

### **Jackson Purchase Resource Conservation and Development Foundation**

The Jackson Purchase Resource Conservation and Development District was approved for \$2,500 in Calloway County funds and \$13,185 in state funds as part of the 2008 Farmers' Market Awards Program.

### **Jackson Purchase Resource Conservation and Development Foundation**

The Jackson Purchase Resource Conservation and Development District was approved for \$3,000 in Marshall County funds and \$3,000 in state funds as part of the 2008 Farmers' Market Awards Program.

### **Menu Approach Programs**

#### **Buffalo Trace Area Development District, Inc.**

The Buffalo Trace Area Development District, Inc. was approved for \$230,000 in Bracken County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with seven model programs including: Cattle Genetics Improvement, Cattle Handling Facilities, Dairy Diversification, Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement, Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage, Swine Diversification, and Technology.

#### **Campbell County Conservation District**

The Campbell County Conservation District was approved for \$31,438 in Campbell County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with eight Model Programs including: Agricultural Diversification, Cattle Genetics Improvement, Cattle Handling Facilities, Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement, Forage Improvement & Utilization, Goat & Sheep Diversification, Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage, and On-Farm Water Enhancement.

#### **Clark County Conservation District**

The Clark County Conservation District was approved for \$90,000 in Clark County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with two model programs including Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement and Forage Improvement & Utilization.

#### **Dairy Herd Improvement Incorporated**

The Dairy Herd Improvement Incorporated was approved for \$5,846 in Logan County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with two Model Programs including Cattle Genetics Improvement and Dairy Diversification.

#### **Edmonson County Cattleman Association, Inc.**

The Edmonson County Cattleman Association, Inc. was approved for \$55,000 in Edmonson County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with five Model Programs including: Cattle Genetics Improvement, Cattle Handling Facilities,

Dairy Diversification, Goat & Sheep Diversification, and Hay, Straw, & Commodity Storage.

#### **Edmonson County Conservation District**

The Edmonson County Conservation District, Inc. was approved for \$40,000 in Edmonson County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with three Model Programs including: Agricultural Diversification, Commercial Poultry Diversification, and Forage Improvement & Utilization.

#### **Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc.**

The Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc. was approved for \$8,415 in Webster County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with two Model Programs including Cattle Genetics Improvement and Cattle Handling Facilities.

#### **Hart County Goat Producers, Inc.**

The Hart County Goat Producers, Inc. was approved for \$50,000 in Hart County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with two Model Programs including Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement and Goat & Sheep Diversification.

#### **Pendleton County Agricultural Diversification Association, Inc.**

The Pendleton County Agricultural Diversification Association, Inc. was approved for \$254,056 in Pendleton County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with ten model programs including: Agricultural Diversification, Cattle Genetics Improvement, Cattle Handling Facilities, Dairy Diversification, Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement, Forage Improvement & Utilization, Goat & Sheep Diversification, Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage, Swine Diversification, and Technology.







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The **Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy** (GOAP) provides a direct link between the Governor and one of the Commonwealth's most important industries. GOAP administers the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (Phase I), the Kentucky Tobacco Settlement Trust Corporation (Phase II), and the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC), as well as other Boards and Commissions.

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